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NEWS

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SCAQMD Continues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Wildomar Area of Riverside County

This advisory is in effect today, Friday, Oct. 27, through Saturday morning, Oct. 28, SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Wildomar Fire, is burning in Riverside County in the Cleveland National Forest near the city of Wildomar. The burn area is reported to be approximately 700 acres with 15 percent containment reported. Weak offshore flow from the north will transition to onshore flow from the south and southwest bringing smoke and ash into areas near the fire and potentially into nearby areas of Riverside County. Air quality may reach Unhealthy levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and Unhealthy air quality include portions of:

- Lake Elsinore (Forecast Area 25);
- Perris Valley (Forecast Area 24); and
- Temecula Valley (Forecast Area 26).

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area directly impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to

<http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see

<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisqi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert

Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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